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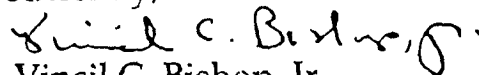
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The intention of this letter is so that I may go on record, per the Tunney Act, as supporting the settlement that was reached between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. The court battles between these two entities went on for over three years, and cost millions of dollars. This is time and money that could have been put to much better use.

Microsoft did not get off easy by any stretch of the imagination, and has had severe restrictions placed upon it. For example, Microsoft will now have to turn over data and source code that makes up internal interfaces in Windows' products. This is a first in an antitrust settlement, and is not fair in that it makes them forfeit their intellectual property. I think this goes too far. Plus they will have to deal with a technical oversight committee watching over Microsoft's every move and testing their compliance with the terms of the settlement.

Enough is enough, this has gone on too long, cost too much money, and is too harsh on Microsoft. End this now. I support any settlement, even though it is not 100% fair, which ends the litigation against Microsoft.

Sincerely,

  
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